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## Sculpture stolen from Nykerk Hall

**Chris Russ**  
STAFF WRITER

On April 9, Hope College campus safety sent out an e-mail alerting the campus to a theft that had taken place on Hope's campus.

According to Chad Wolters, Hope's director of campus safety, late on Wednesday night, April 7, a piece of artwork was stolen from the lobby of the Nykerk Hall, the college's music building.

"It was discovered missing early Wednesday morning,"

Wolters said. "The custodian reported it."

Wolters suspects the thief entered the building through a bathroom window. Two windows were found damaged when the building was inspected as part of an investigation. It appeared that one of the windows was not sufficiently damaged to yield entry, while the other window was.

While there is not a positive link between the broken windows incident and the missing artwork, Wolters said that he is fairly sure that the thief broke in through a window to avoid having to scan a student ID card, which would have placed them on record as being there.

The missing piece, titled "Donut," was completed by the sculptor Fritz Olsen, a Swedish artist, sometime in the "latter 20th century," according to an information plaque where the piece of art was previously displayed. The sculpture is white mottled marble and is about 23 inches high and 14 inches wide. As the name suggests, it is roughly donut-shaped. The appraised value of the piece was withheld by the Hope department of art and art history.



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**STOLEN ARTWORK—** The statue "Donut" was stolen from Nykerk.

## Campus comes alive



PHOTO BY JENNA HUNGER

**SOAKIN' UP THE SUN—** The Pine Grove comes alive with students enjoying the warmer weather.

The sculpture was donated in 2007 by Vernon G. Poest ('39) and Roberta Poest.

According to the information displayed with the art, the Poests were "avid fine and native art collectors." Moreover, according to the plaque, "Many of their pieces were acquired by them through international travel on behalf of Herman Miller, Inc."

The Nykerk lobby houses another work of art donated in 2007 by the Poests that was sculpted by Fritz Olsen. "Ribbons," an alabaster marble sculpture crafted in 1993, sits at

the other end of the lobby.

Asked how campus safety reacted to the crime, Wolters said, "We contacted the students that were in Nykerk late that night to ask if they had seen anything."

He mentioned that the college knew which students to contact based on their records of access card use. At the time of publication, the college had no other leads or information related to the case. Campus safety is working with the Holland Police Department which has been helping with the

investigation.

Asked for his opinion, Scott DeClaire ('12) said, "I just wondered why someone would even want to steal it."

Asked if the theft should result in a change in the security policy at Hope, DeClaire said, "With places like DePree (the art building), where there are important things, I think that it would be OK for them to use security cameras."

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact campus safety at 395-7770.

## Hope seeks to raise student writing scores

**Arryn Uhlenbrauck**  
STAFF WRITER

Over the past five years, Hope College has taken part in three surveys comparing Hope's writing scores to those of similar colleges. Though Hope has comparable scores in other areas, Hope's writing scores are lower than those of other liberal arts colleges.

The National Survey of Student

Engagement taken from 2003-2008 shows that an average of 31 percent of Hope students writes two or more drafts

before submitting a paper. Hope students also reported to having 65 short papers (fewer than five pages) in a year — much higher than the peer average of 40-and only 20 papers over five pages compared to the peer average of 25.

English professor and chair of the department David Klooster said, "In lots of ways shorter papers are valuable. Weekly writing assignments aid writing fluency but are only effective if paired with longer papers that teach students how to sustain an argument."

Hope College also took part in a Teagle research project along with five other liberal arts colleges. The project looked at student papers from the senior year

of high school and the freshman year of college and senior capstone papers.

Though the results varied, the scores suggested that students at schools other than Hope improved their writing. Hope's scores reflected that there was no significant change in writing ability from the senior year of high school to the senior year of college.

"With any big study there are expectations," Klooster said. "There are students who improve. Every year there are Hope graduates who are gifted writers, but we can do better for all Hope students so that we are bragging about more than just the success stories."

Based on such studies, faculty members are being encouraged

to assign one or two longer papers.

"One reason why we're weak is because professors don't often ask students to write longer more complicated papers," said Klooster. "Students often see shorter assignments as less important and are more prone to using more casual writing instead of laboring over them."

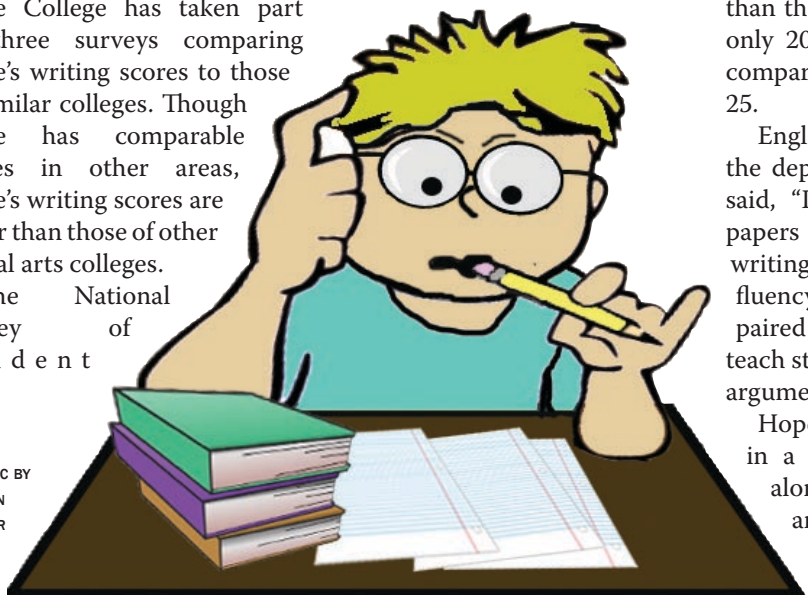
Departments are being told to think about how their majors need to write.

"We are challenging the departments to take more responsibility for the writing of their majors," Klooster said.

To improve student writing, the college requires students to take the freshman writing course

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## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

**Wednesday April 21**  
**‘Who Does She Think She Is?’**  
 Screening with producer/director  
 Pamela Tanner Boll, Knickerbocker  
 Theatre 7 p.m.

**Thursday April 22**  
**Hope Student Ceramics Guild Sale**  
 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. DeWitt Lounge  
**Math Colloquium – ‘Do Dogs Know Calculus? Bifurcations at the Beach’**  
 Dr. Tim Pennings and Elvis, Math Dept.,  
 VDW 104 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Friday April 23**  
**Earth Jam**  
 Pine Grove

## IN BRIEF

## CASA OPEN HOUSE SET FOR THURSDAY

The Children’s After School Achievement program at Hope College is holding an open house on Thursday, April 22, to celebrate both the recent restoration of Graves Hall and the children and tutors who are part of CASA. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. throughout Graves Hall. The elementary school children who participate in CASA and their Hope student tutors will be on-site from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to help guide visitors through the building and answer questions about CASA. Brief overviews of the building’s history and restoration will be presented by Dr. Elton Bruins at 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOLDS SLEEPOUT

Hope College Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual sleepout in the Pine Grove on Thursday, April 22, to raise awareness for homelessness and money for Habitat. The sleepout will begin 10 p.m. and finish at 7 a.m. on Friday. Habitat for Humanity will provide cardboard boxes for all participants to sleep in, but participants may also use tents. Over the past two years, over \$3,000 has been donated to Lakeshore Habitat for Huminity through this event.

## STUDENT DOCUMENTARY THURSDAY

The Hope College Department of Communication will feature a student documentary short film, “Treading Softly,” by communication student David Clark Moore on Thursday, April 22, at 8:30 p.m. in the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium at the Martha Miller Center. Moore’s film details the effect of the Trans-African highway on Busia, a border town on the Ugandan and Kenyan border. Also, the film honors the memory of David Otai, who spent many hours assisting the editing of the film. The public is invited. Admission is free.

## ‘Wonderful Woman’ recognized

**Chantal Pope**  
 GUEST WRITER

College is said to be the time in our lives to “find ourselves.” We are on our own, usually for the first time, with the world at our fingertips. We have the opportunity to explore our interests and passions; to create the life we’ve always dreamed of.

Some students find their calling in the classroom and some on the field. Others may find their strengths lie in the realm of performance or creative arts.

Then there are a few that dedicate their time and energy to help others, to speak and act in support of those who are marginalized or silenced.

They use their talents to bring about change and encouragement to those fighting for their rights. One of these students was nominated by her peers and Hope faculty as a Wonderful Woman of Hope, a recognition conferred by the women’s studies department. That scholar is Emily West. West came to Hope to find what many of us hope for — a calling. A native of Wyoming, Mich., West debated between attending the University of Michigan or Hope College. She eventually decided to give Hope a try.

Now a graduating senior, West looks back on her four years and various efforts and involvements and is still somehow surprised by her nomination as a Wonderful Woman of Hope.

“It’s weird,” West said, but went on to explain that she understands why she might be considered a stand-out woman on our campus for two reasons. The first reason being that she is a woman and self-described herself as “loud.” Secondly, she is open about her homosexuality in a conservative community.

“I stand out because of the areas in which people know of me. I’m a minority of sorts, and the realm is controversial.”

An active member of various organizations on and off campus, West devotes most of her time to three basic areas of life — schoolwork, The Anchor and the student-led organization Hope is Ready, an activist group that works to educate and encourage meaningful conversation on the topic of homosexuality, particularly on Hope’s campus.

Although much of her time and efforts are devoted to the group, West admits that it doesn’t seem like work to her. She claims that those efforts are the most emotional and probably the most rewarding.

“It’s tough sometimes, but I

stay encouraged when we begin to sway new people to see and understand our efforts.”

Though controversial in nature, West’s efforts have proven to be appreciated by many students and faculty here at Hope.

One of West’s peers stated: “Emily is a voice to be reckoned with.”

Another noted, “I’m really inspired by her passion and dedication for change.”

Not only does West use her many gifts and talents on campus, but in community efforts as well. West is involved in the Sanctuary Collective, a GLBT effort in Christian communities, as well as Upward Bound, a summer program for youth in the Holland area.

With graduation coming up, West also has her future plans fresh on her mind. An English and women’s studies double major, West is looking forward to what life will bring her next.

“I’d love to get involved in activist work or NGOs. I’m applying to AmeriCorps, but it is really competitive, so we’ll see.”

As we wrapped up our interview, I wondered what kept her going in the face of opposition and challenges. She noted that her mentors were instrumental in her strength and

survival during hard times.

“I’ve had so many people support and encourage me, too many to name!” She noted that most of her mentors are women from various areas of her life, particularly from the women’s studies department, as well as supporters from Grace Episcopal Church and even some spouses of Hope faculty.

Asked what message she had for women at Hope looking to get involved and find their voice, she chuckled and replied, “Hope is already growing and gaining recognition, and everything has happened from the power and efforts of women.”

“There have been some male supporters, absolutely, but the majority of the work is done by women, on their own time, using their talents, their resources,” West said.

“Many people have their stereotypes of women at Hope College and not all of them are good. I think that the women here deserve more credit than what they are given. They are encouraging and supportive. It’s really awesome.”

West’s efforts and contributions to so many organizations and efforts in the Holland community leave her deserving the title of a Wonderful Woman of Hope.

## Student writing targeted

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English 113 unless they have demonstrated proficiency through the appropriate AP exam. In addition, the required cultural heritage classes aim to

foster student writing. However, with the difference in class size between cultural heritage classes, which enroll more than 25 students, and writing classes, which enroll fewer than 20, it may be more difficult to improve

student writing in cultural heritage.

The size of these classes may be reduced in the future, and plans are under way to put more emphasis on faculty. Seminars will be conducted this summer to train professors on how to respond to student writing, as well as how to encourage

or require students to write multiple drafts of papers. Writing will be the topic of the annual precollege conference for the faculty.

The writing center will no longer be located in the Academic Support Center, but rather in the library so that students will be aware that the writing help is for all writers and not just for novice work. The English department will be taking over the writing center with the hopes of hiring additional faculty and expanding it.

With these plans in place, Hope College is moving to improve student writing and scoring higher on the surveys.

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# Leaders convene to discuss limiting nuclear stocks

**Meghan McNamee**  
STAFF WRITER

President Barack Obama led the 2010 nuclear summit that ended April 13. Leaders from 47 nations attended to raise global awareness of nuclear terrorism, to better secure nuclear arsenals and materials, and to discuss Iran's boast about manufacturing centrifuges to speed up uranium processing.

The summit comes a week after Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Russian counterpart agreed to dispose of 34 metric tons of uranium, enough to make 17,000 weapons, according to CNN.com. Russian president Dmitry Medvedev confirmed the news and also stated that he was closing a reactor in Siberia.

The two countries also signed an update to the 2000 agreement to end weapons grade plutonium in military programs.

According to CNN, Obama said in one of his remarks at the summit, "We've made real progress in building a safer world."

Canada announced that it would help Mexico convert its nuclear research reactor to produce lower grade uranium.

Canada will also send its own uranium to the U.S. for safe-keeping. Ukraine also adds itself to the list by declaring it will dispose of all its uranium within two years.

The summit was not

without its difficulties. North Korea announced that it was backing away from agreements made with former President George W. Bush in relation to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Iran also took the stage before the opening of the summit by announcing it was in the process of producing uranium quicker.

The U.S. has asked the United Nations Security Council to issue sanctions against Iran. However, it has been hard to convince China, who has veto power, to condone sanctions against a nation that provides

much of the world's oil.

The Washington Post reported that the Russian UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said, "I don't think any of us wants to impose sanctions; what we want is to have a diplomatic solution. If Iran wants to negotiate, it should start negotiating."

Lt. General Ronald L. Burgess Jr., director of Defense Intelligence Agency, told reporters including The New York Times, "The general consensus — not knowing again the exact number of centrifuges that we actually have visibility into — is we're talking one year" before Iran has nuclear capabilities and

two to five years to manufacture a workable atomic bomb.

The summit seemed to promise success, especially if countries "lock down all nuclear weapons and bomb-usable material as securely as gold in Fort Knox," Graham Allison, a Harvard expert on nuclear terrorism told the New York Times.

There's still much to work on in light of Iran's announcement.

Sen. Jon Kyle, R-Ariz., seems to agree, according to CNN.com. "The summit's purported accomplishment is a non-binding communiqué that largely restates current policy and

makes no meaningful progress in dealing with nuclear terrorism threats or the ticking clock represented by Iran's nuclear weapons program."

It's two steps forward and three steps back, and not just with Iran. Obama urged Pakistan and Israel to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, though they refused to sign it, along with India.

Next month will bring the review of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in New York and Iran will participate.

Russia, as cooperative as it has been at the summit, did make it clear that although it supported the United States and its goals, it would drop out of the new arms reduction accord if the United States missile defense technology improved. They claim that cutting programs will leave Moscow vulnerable to U.S. nuclear dominance.

Obama is not deterred. In his opening remarks, he told reporters, ABC News included, "We have the opportunity as partners to ensure that our progress is not a fleeting moment but part of a serious and sustained effort. I believe strongly that the problems of the 21st century cannot be solved by any one nation acting in isolation. They must be solved by all of us coming together."



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**WORLD LEADERS ATTEND NUCLEAR SUMMIT— President Barack Obama speaks at the recent Nuclear Security Summit. Leaders from 47 nations met to discuss a lockdown on all vulnerable nuclear materials worldwide within four years.**

## Government files fraud charges against Goldman Sachs

NEW YORK (AP) — Goldman Sachs & Co. reminded investors that the stock market can still go down.

The government charged the bank with civil fraud Friday and the Dow Jones industrial average fell 126 points, its biggest slide in more than two and a half months. The Goldman Sachs news gave a dose of reality to investors who were used to seeing the market climb almost relentlessly on signs of a recovering economy.

But there are signs investors are already shaking off the Securities and Exchange Commission's charges that Goldman Sachs failed to tell clients about conflicts of interest in mortgage investments it sold. Stocks ended off their lows Friday. That's a sign that investors are still making predictions that stocks will bounce higher.

"They've been conditioned to buy the dips and they've been rewarded. It's like a Pavlovian thing," said Alec Young, equity strategist at Standard & Poor's. "The road is littered with the

bodies of people that have predicted a pullback in the last couple of months."

It's easy to see from recent news why stocks are trekking steadily higher. Big companies like chipmaker Intel Corp. and financial firm JPMorgan Chase & Co. last week posted huge profit gains for the first three months of the year. The government reported that employers added jobs in March at the fastest rate in three years. Sales at chain retailers posted the biggest gain last month in more than 10 years.

The problem is that stocks haven't had a break, and that makes the market more vulnerable to a big drop. The Standard & Poor's 500 index has risen 76 percent since it hit a 12-year low in March last year.

There have been five periods since then when it lost 5 percent to 8 percent. But those drops still don't count as a full correction, which most analysts say is 10 percent.

Standard & Poor's Equity Research predicts that the S&P

500 index will reach 1,270 in the next 12 months but that a drop of 5 percent to 15 percent along the way is possible. The S&P 500 topped 1,200 last week for the first time since before the worst days of the financial crisis in late 2008. To get to 1,270, the index would need to go up 6.5 percent.

By one measure of the market, stocks are overheated. Yale professor Robert Shiller compares share prices of S&P 500 companies to their average earnings over 10 years. Based on data going back more than 100 years, stock prices are about 51 percent overvalued, he said. He cautioned that doesn't mean a crash is due but that stocks are above their norms.

"It's kind of pricey now," Shiller said.

Analysts see other signs that stocks need to stop climbing for a while:

—In the past two months, the Dow has gone up three out of every four days. Last week, it closed above 11,000, a level it hasn't seen since September

2008. Little more than a year ago, it was near 6,500.

—Ninety percent of the companies in the S&P 500 index are trading above their average price of the prior 50 days. That hasn't happened since 1994 and it's an indication that prices are elevated.

—The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index, which is known as the market's fear gauge, last week closed at its lowest level since July 2007. That meant fewer investors are predicting big drops in the market. The VIX did spike 15 percent Friday after the Goldman news.

—Last Tuesday, a quiet day for investors, the trading of five stocks accounted for one-fifth of the market's volume. Four of the stocks were under \$5. That points to traders making a quick buck by swapping cheap stocks, according to Joe Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading LLC. "It's one baseball card being traded back and forth a thousand times," he said. "It's an illusion." Investors often look to higher trading volume as a

sign of broad confidence in the market's direction.

Analysts say a drop will occur when something comes along that investors didn't know about or had managed to forget about. Friday's Goldman Sachs news was one of those surprises. Beyond that, investors know unemployment remains high at 9.7 percent and that the housing market is weak. They also know that the Federal Reserve is starting to turn off the spigot of cheap cash that has propped up banks and flooded in the stock market.

While no one can say when the market will fall, many analysts predict stocks could stumble when the Fed starts to boost interest rates to avert inflation.

"There is a lot of partying going on because I think the Fed has been fueling the fire with extraordinarily cheap money," said Haag Sherman, chief investment officer at Salient Partners in Houston, referring to low interest rates. "I do think that's the big question, which is how the market will respond to that."



THIS WEEK IN QUOTES

“Mustache maintenance ... should be considered as a deductible expense.”  
– John Yeutter, a tax professor at Northeastern State University, supporting the American Mustache Institute’s proposal that people with mustaches should receive a tax break.

“Some teachers were hitting the doors as the period finished. It is really confusing.”  
– Hamdi, a student in Jowhar, Somalia, where the country’s most powerful Islamist insurgent group, the Shabab, has outlawed school bells, claiming they conflict with Islam.

“Maybe I don’t want smaller government. I guess I want smaller government and my Social Security.”  
– Jodine White, a 62-year-old Tea Party member; despite a push for limited government, many Tea Party supporters want to continue Social Security and Medicare.

“We make our food very similar to cocaine now.”  
– Gene-Jack Wang, doctor with U.S. Department of Energy lab, on study confirming fatty foods may be addictive.

“It was very rewarding to hear, ‘I’m sorry,’ from the president, because that’s what I have wanted to hear from Jackson Memorial since the night Lisa died.”  
– Janice Langbehn, who wasn’t allowed to see her dying partner in a Florida hospital, in a statement after President Obama signed a memo ordering hospitals to grant same-sex visitation rights .

“Under the eyes of the world that speaks of our sins, we see that doing penance is grace and we see how penance is necessary.”  
– Pope Benedict XVI, speaking at a Mass that was later broadcast on Vatican Radio, referring publicly to the Catholic Church’s sex-abuse scandal for the first time.

“We will arrest and suppress the terrorists .... Innocent people should leave the protests because the authorities have to take decisive measures.”  
– Suthep Thaugsuban, Thailand’s deputy prime minister, announcing a raid on protest leaders at a hotel. The protesters escaped.

“We made it all the way to takeoff on the plane. ... They even showed us the safety video.”  
– Sarah Davis, a 29-year-old physiotherapist from Portsmouth in southern England, who was hoping to fly to Los Angeles from Heathrow but couldn’t due to the enormous ash cloud from a remote Icelandic volcano.

West Virginia devastated by coal mine collapse

Amy Alvine  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On April 9, President Obama said, “Mining has a long and proud history in West Virginia. It is a profession that is not without risks and danger, and the workers and their families know this, but the government and their employer know that they owe it to these employees’ families to do everything possible to ensure their safety.”

On April 5, an explosion at Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, W. Va. killed 29 miners. It was the third major mining disaster in West Virginia in the past four years and the country’s worst mine disaster since the 1970 explosion of a mine in Hyden, Ky., that killed 38 people.

With rail lines completely twisted and mining machines blown into pieces, rescue workers described the blast as so devastating that it was unlike any that they had ever witnessed.

With the rescue efforts taking over 100 hours, the teams

wandered through more than 1,000 feet of underground passageways by inching their way slowly through debris and fallen rocks. The frustrated search team eventually withdrew because of explosively high levels of carbon monoxide and methane. With the four-day search ending in the early morning of April 10, rescue workers were unable to find any survivors in the underground mine.

“We didn’t receive the miracle we were praying for. This journey has ended and now the healing will start,” said Gov. Joe Manchin III.

The mine disaster at the Upper Big Branch Mine comes after a year in which the mine had problems with methane buildup. Since April 2009, federal regulators have cited the mine

eight times for “substantial” violations in relation to methane control plans.

At a White House press conference on April 15, Obama ordered the immediate deployment of inspectors to all mines that had poor safety records and for officials to examine the currently existing laws and regulations for ways to make them more effective. The president also criticized the owner of the

Upper Big Branch Mine, Massey Energy. Although the coal mining industry is already weak and facing environmental regulations and accusations about its role in climate change, the mine explosion is imposing even more political damage upon the industry. According to J.W. Randolph, legislative associate for

Polish leader buried in ceremony of patriotism

KRAKOW, Poland (AP) – Tens of thousands of Poles bid farewell to President Lech Kaczynski on Sunday at a state funeral filled with pomp, pride and an outpouring of patriotism that his divisive and unpopular leadership had never generated.

Mourners applauded and chanted “We thank you!” as the caskets bearing Kaczynski and his wife, Maria, were carried past pale-toned Renaissance buildings, for burial among kings and poets in the ancient Wawel Cathedral.

“Poles finally appreciate him,” said Ryszard Stolarski, 56, one of the many weeping mourners. “I never imagined that Poland would honor Kaczynski in this way.”

Many world leaders, including President Barack Obama, could not be there because their travel plans were wrecked by the enormous plume of volcanic ash that blanketed Europe.

The funeral came eight days after the Polish air force Tupolev 154 crashed on approach to Smolensk, Russia. The worst tragedy to strike Poland since World War II killed the First Couple and 94 other people, including top civilian and military leaders.

In some ways, the tragedy and Russia’s response to it, appear to have begun the long process of healing wounds that have soured the two nations’ relations for decades.

Kaczynski, a lifelong skeptic of Russia and fervent anti-communist dissident, had focused on building closer ties to the United States, such as advocat-

ing for a U.S. missile defense base in his country. But even as president, he sometimes pushed diplomacy aside to sharply criticize Russia.

Since the plane crash, Kaczynski has become an unwitting catalyst for new words and gestures of trust between the long-divided Slavic nations.

Kaczynski’s fatal flight, which investigators have said was likely caused by pilot error, was meant to take him to a memorial for 22,000 Polish officers murdered by Stalin’s secret police in 1940, killings known as the Katyn massacres that were intended to wipe out Poland’s brightest and best.

The patriotic Kaczynski wanted to honor them and push Moscow to do more to acknowledge the Soviet crimes, which Moscow had blamed on Nazi Germany during the communist era.

After the plane crash, Kaczynski’s body was recovered by Russians. The normally stoic Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin set the tone with an outpouring of emotion. During Sunday’s Roman Catholic funeral Mass, a Russian Orthodox priest also prayed over the caskets.

Though many world leaders, including Nicolas Sarkozy of France, were kept away by the travel chaos caused by Iceland’s volcano, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev arrived on a jet to pay his respects at the state funeral in the 13th-century St. Mary’s Basilica.

Poland’s acting president, Bronislaw Komorowski, told the congregation during the lavish

state funeral for the First Couple that Kaczynski’s death has created hope that “we will all know the truth about the Katyn massacre.”

Krakow Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz acknowledged those new ties, saying the tragedy has given rise “to many layers of good between the people and nations.”

“The sympathy and help we have received from Russian brothers has breathed new life into a hope for closer relations and reconciliation between our two Slavic nations,” Dziwisz said. “I direct these words to the president of Russia.”

It was Medvedev’s first visit to Poland, and before returning home he declared that the two nations are taking a “step into the future.”

“Tragedies can bring out difficult emotions, but very often they bring people closer, and I believe that that is what the residents of my country and Poles need,” Medvedev said.

Any rift between the countries seemed forgotten Sunday, as did Kaczynski’s more combative positions. He was a conservative nationalist, winning the hearts of many older Poles and war veterans, but the younger generations often found him excessively fixated on the past and accused him of harming relations with both Germany and Russia with his focus on Poland’s old wounds.

The way in which he died – his Tupolev 154 crashing in heavy fog with a swath of the

the environmental group Appalachian Voices, the predicted public outrage that against the coal industry will act as a catalyst for new environmental and safety regulations.

“Now the country has seen that companies like Massey are willing to do things as ecologically irresponsible as mountaintop removal while at the same time racking up horrible safety records. Change is inevitable at this point,” said Randolph. This change would be enacted by transitioning away from coal and moving toward safer energy jobs such as wind turbine manufacturing.

Despite Randolph’s thoughts, Kenneth Green, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute think tank, said, “A single accident, however tragic, does not change the fact that coal provides half of U.S. energy and does not have a ready replacement. The basic economics of coal won’t change until there is a cheaper, non-carbon alternative.”

country’s elite aboard – provoked profound grief and a sudden surge of admiration.

“Kaczynski had good and bad qualities, but now you shouldn’t say anything bad about the dead,” said Karolina Rajchel, 19, a student who traveled five hours from Wroclaw to join the 150,000 others packing Krakow’s streets.

Those who long supported Kaczynski saw the outpouring of grief and respect toward his memory as a sign that the broader society was finally coming to appreciate him.

New elections must be held in June, and politicians on Monday were expected to start looking toward that balloting, when the eight days of official mourning will have passed.

One big unknown centers on who will represent Kaczynski’s Law and Justice party in the election, with some observers speculating that his twin brother, Jaroslaw, a former prime minister, may run in his stead.

Izabella Bruchal, a wheelchair-bound engineer who watched the Mass on one of two huge video screens in a large grassy field just beyond Krakow’s Old Town, said she was happy to get a degree of closure with Sunday’s funeral, though she said the pain would not go away quickly.

“It’s been horribly difficult,” said Bruchal, 59, as her son wheeled her off the field when the funeral ended. “But the mourning is not over. We will grieve a long time.”

“Poles finally appreciate him. I never imagined that Poland would honor Kaczynski in this way.”  
— RYSZARD STOLARSKI, MOURNER

“Tragedies can bring out difficult emotions, but very often they bring people closer, and I believe that that is what the residents of my country and Poles need.”  
— DMITRY MEDVEDEV, RUSSIAN PRESIDENT



# Creative dance company [undefined] movers. debuts

**Karen Patterson**  
Co-EDITOR IN CHIEF

There’s a new kid on the block in the Hope College dance department, and after a compelling debut at the Holland City Arts Council on April 16, the Hope community has one more thing to get excited for. The group [undefined] movers. began as the creative vision of Janae Stewart (’11), Chelsea Harkelroad (’11), Kristen Benner (’11), Jess Kohnen (’11), Sarah Stern (’11) and Zachary Porter (’11).

The group’s premiere was a beautiful expression of movement and left the audience wanting more. The concert began with a playful and light-spirited trio of Harkelroad, Benner and Porter. Large movements and great energy captured the audience’s attention immediately, and colorful costumes that swished and swayed with Benner and Harkelroad’s every movement helped transition the piece.

The piece was a reflection of one of [undefined] movers.’ mottos: expressing a creative dream that could no longer be

held inside. Often dance pieces seem to take themselves too seriously. Rather than forcing the joy, the trio used constant movement and expressive faces to show how much they were enjoying themselves.

“After Hours,” a sultry jazz number, incorporated a similar tone.

Stewart, Benner, Stern and Harkelroad sashayed across the floor confidently in two different choreographed segments. However, the highlight of the piece was each dancer having her own star moment in a “look what I can do” motif. Using improvisation rather than structured choreography, each dancer was free to connect with the audience in her own way, and the audience expressed their approval with a large round of applause following each solo.

“Amidst,” a solo choreographed by Benner and brought to life by Stern, allowed

the two dancers to display talent in their respective field. Benner’s choreography was effective, using the whole space, and Stern brought the piece to life with a fluid gracefulness that kept the eye moving and wanting more at the end.

The pas de deux “Aviemore” between Kohnen and Porter had wonderful edge — rather than dance to traditional music, the duo moved completely to the sound of falling rain, with the occasional rumble of thunder punctuating poignant moments in the piece. Porter and Kohnen’s movements showed important elements of a relationship: trust, tension and playfulness.

The final piece of the evening brought the fledgling company together as a tribute to those the Hope community has loved and lost, as well as those who feel



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they are unable to break free and express themselves.

The focus of the dancers and the constantly shifting movement gave the piece a feeling of intentional restlessness. Rather than ending the concert on a down note, however, it prompted the audience to really think and grapple with the idea of breaking free and expressing oneself.

While [undefined] movers. is

just starting its life as a dance organization, a strong first performance showed the 100 or so guests in attendance that something special is going on behind the scenes at Hope. The company’s debut showed that the dancers are living up to their mission statement of “enriching the community and developing mature and innovative minds.”

# Ensemble comes together for ‘Pinter Project’ collection of short plays

**Annelise Belmonte**  
ARTS EDITOR

This week will see the opening performance of chosen scenes from the famous award-winning playwright Harold Pinter.

Titled “The Pinter Project,” the performance will consist of short scenes as well as the one-acts “A Kind of Alaska” and “The Dumb Waiter” with two short intermissions in between.

The final one-act of the project, “The Dumb Waiter,” actually holds a special place in the heart of director John Tammi. It was one of the first

shows he ever directed. “I was not only returning to that playwright, but to that period of life where I had started,” Tammi said.

“The Dumb Waiter” is about two hitmen waiting in a dingy basement for their next assignment.

Pinter’s work has inspired its own word to describe it: Pinteresque. Tammi describes it as “humor and also an underlying sense of danger. Nobody really knows what’s going to happen, not even the characters ... the plays are ambiguous and (Pinter) was somewhat ambiguous about

them.”

“A Kind of Alaska,” the first one-act on the list, is about a girl who wakes up from a 30-year coma, unable to let go of her 16-year-old mindset. Her sister and doctor brother-in-law, whom she does not recognize, attempt to ease her into her current reality while protecting her from vital information.

The short scenes consist of the entire ensemble of eight characters, mixing and matching partners in the scenes. Madison Tustin (’12), one of the ensemble members, said “The Pinter Project” has been

“an experience in becoming a versatile actor. It really helped me adapt to different characters, different situations. For that reason you have to have really good chemistry with your fellow actors, and thankfully we all work really well together.”

In the original casting process, the short scenes had not yet been selected, so the cast ended up reading several of Pinter’s plays, without knowing which characters they were going to play.

“It ended being almost a class, and I like that,” Tammi said. “With the participation of

everybody, it was more than just learning your lines and finding your character and everything. What I find valuable about this kind of approach is the kind of ownership the ensemble has over the project. We always strive to have students feel ownership over whatever they’re involved in, and this is one way to do that.”

“The Pinter Project” will be performed Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, and Wednesday through Saturday, April 28 to May 1, at 8 p.m. in the studio theater in the basement of the DeWitt Center.



## She & Him — ‘Volume Two’

If I was in the shoes of Death Cab For Cutie’s Ben Gibbard, this album would mess up my emotions pretty seriously. She & Him consists of actress Zooey Deschanel (Ben’s wife) and enigmatic folk singer/song-writer M. Ward, singing sunny 1950s-influenced pop tunes about young love and summer days. The duo sound perfect together. Deschanel’s sunny, sultry vocals innocently hum and sail through casually uptempo waves, vintage guitar licks and sophisticated song structures, all blanketed in flawless production. The only thing about this album that could ever rub someone the wrong way might be the extreme degree of pleasantness and fun packed in. If those things don’t satisfy you, you might want to look elsewhere. -PR



## Bonnie ‘Prince’ Billy & the Cairo Gang — ‘The Wonder Show of the World’

After 16 albums, one might wonder if Will Oldham is running out of ideas. This album proves that he isn’t. After giving it a couple of listens, Bonnie ‘Prince’ Billy’s newest album rose into my top five albums-of-the-year list. Oldham uses a similar style to his older music (aesthetic and honest), and takes it one step further by creating a truly introspective, semi-morbid and austere combination of new songs. His lyrics are blunt and remorseless. The first line of the album is, “I once loved a girl, but she couldn’t take that I visited troublesome houses.” This line sets the pace for the album as Oldham obtusely reveals himself to us. -LH



## The Apples in Stereo — ‘Travellers in Space and Time’

The Apples in Stereo, who have been recording music since 1991, are almost out of original members in their heavily rotating lineup, but it’s always been singer/guitarist/producer Robert Schneider’s project anyway. The band was founded to answer the question of what the Beatles might have sounded like in the musical and technical landscape of the ‘90’s, mixing attractively raw psychedelia with bouncy pop melodies and harmonies that begged to become summer anthems. Now the Apples are in a stage of using that concept as a lens to hypothesize about the future. Robot voices and tongue-in-cheek, keyboard-driven dancefloor jams abound on this album, and although they sound fresh and for a moment it sounds like the Apples have completely reinvented themselves, until the welcome crunchy guitars and harmonized choruses come in and balance the equation. The result is an immensely likeable pop record that sounds like nothing else out there, save the Apples’ previous work... and the future? -PR

WTHS Music Reviews  
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## Dr. Dog — ‘Shame, Shame’

Dr. Dog’s 1960s-influenced, heavily harmonious pop-rock is nothing new. They don’t turn many heads with invention, but they consistently make it happen stubborn good quality. And sixth time’s the charm, right? This most recent offering by the Philly band is their best yet. Just in time for summer, this album is solidly packed with head-bobbing tunes that beg for the the windows to be rolled down. An upbeat pace pervades a very polished sound that is at the same time accessible and complex. One of my favorites of the year. -AM

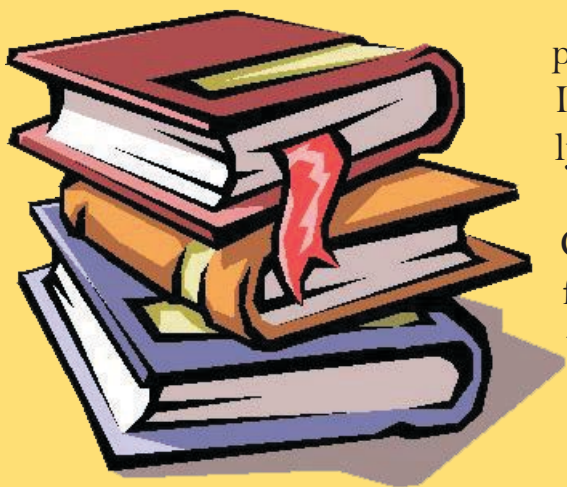
Student David Moore will be showing his documentary “Treading Softly” in Martha Miller this Thursday at 8:30 p.m.



# Helping to minimize the Latino dropout rate

**Sarah Fraser & Tiffany Lumley**

Guest Writers



At the beginning of the spring semester, the Leadership 391 class was presented with a significant, local, yet invisible crisis: the Latino dropout rate. In previous semesters, Leadership 391 students worked to define the underlying problem, and now it is time for us to take action.

We decided that our first step is to raise awareness of the issue at Hope College, so that we as members of the college community can be truly effective members of the city many of us call home. As we raise awareness of this issue, it is important to point out that although the information presented in this article is valid, it does not apply to all students in these situations.

## Background:

In the 1940s, Latino families were recruited and began migrating to the Holland area to work in the fields. Many of these families returned year after year. Some stayed in Holland permanently and new migrant workers continued to come. Today more than 22 percent of Holland's population is Latino. Many of these families are living in poverty. Poverty is highly correlated with low abilities in linguistics, math and literacy. The lack of English language skills increases the impact of poverty. Living in a home where English is not the first language is a great disadvantage for children who are in a school system where they are taught in English. Even if they do master the language themselves, they are unable to receive any assistance on their schoolwork at home, due to their parents' lack of understanding. Compounding the impact is the lack of self-esteem students have when they don't perform well academically and when expectations for them are low.

## Statistics:

All these factors impact students' levels of literacy. By the time students reach the fourth grade, if they are not at the right reading level, they are almost sure to struggle in high school. According to the U.S. Department of Education, only *14 percent of Latino fourth graders can read at or above the basic reading skill level*. This greatly decreases their chances of successfully finishing high school. Latino parents also have a difficult time understanding the school system, due to cultural differences in the way school is run in America; they are less likely to be involved in their children's academic success as a result. In some cases the parent cannot be involved in a child's academic achievement due to the work hours they must put in to support their family, and this is true for students as well.

All the preceding obstacles are responsible for the high Latino dropout rate in Holland. In 2007 at Holland High School, *41 percent of Latino males and 30% of Latino females who entered the ninth grade did not finish high school in four years*, and that is not counting those who didn't enter the ninth grade. For this reason, it is important for us to continue to assist the "stopgap" efforts that are currently taking place, initiate our own and seek greater collaboration among the organizations involved.





### How to help:

Adequate role models in schools are lacking in the lives of these teens. Most of their parents did not graduate from high school, and there are low percentages of Latino teachers in the schools. In addition, many face discrimination, purposeful or not, from both their classmates and teachers. Although these actions can be subtle they can cause a decrease in the self-esteem of these students. We must be mindful of these effects as a community and counteract this attitude by creating programs that will support these students in their academic and life goals.

As members of the Holland community, we should be concerned about our neighbors. If that weren't enough motivation, we need to think about how the high dropout rate affects all of us. These students make up a large portion of our community. If they do not receive the education they need to succeed the future of the Holland community is at risk. On a national level each student that drops out costs the nation \$260,000 in lost economic activity; additionally, 78 percent of juvenile crime is committed by high school dropouts. As stated by the Americas Promise Alliance, "Young people who drop out are twice as likely as likely as graduates to be unemployed; three times as likely to live in poverty; eight times more likely to wind up in prison; and twice as likely to become the parent of a child who drops out."

### Ways to get involved:

Some of the organizations that are addressing this issue include LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress), Ready for School, CASA, Upward Bound, Urban Youth Ministries and Young Life, just to name a few. These organizations cover a wide range of ages and serve children in a variety of ways, so there are many possibilities for Hope College students to get involved. These organizations provide a support system, good learning tools and, most importantly, role models for students to succeed in all areas of their lives.

When talking to these organizations, we discovered that the biggest problem they face is a lack of resources. This can include lack of money or people to be successful in their endeavors. As students at Hope College, we have the resources to contribute to these organizations with

our time and talents. We can serve as role models to the Holland community, making them aware of the issue and showing them that something positive can be done in response. If you are interested in volunteering with any of these organizations please see their contact information below and get involved!



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#### Contact:

LAUP  
Ready for School  
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<http://www.readyforschool.org/>  
<http://www.hope.edu/admin/casa/index.html>  
<http://www.hope.edu/admin/upbound/index.htm>  
<http://www.urbanyouthministries.net/>  
<http://www.younglife.org/>

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Musings on mutual misunderstandings

Emily West  
Co-Editor-in-Chief



The sound of silence

I desire for everyone to be free — to voice opinions, to live lives and to act spontaneously. Unfortunately, there are many things that get in the way of our freedom. So, I write this column to promote some healthy, free existence and maybe even some healing.

I have been outspoken about my faith and my ideas about justice. More specifically, I have been honest about my understanding of sexuality within the context of the Christian faith. I have shared my dream for all people, of all sexual persuasions, to be fully included and accepted into the body of Christ.

My perspective is somewhat unique because when you and I are talking about “the issue,” we are not talking about a theological issue like the trinity or predestination; we are talking about me, my life, my love, my desires, my hopes and dreams. I hear time and again, “I love you, Emily, but I do not agree with or cannot accept (insert word that makes a reference to the fact that my sexual desires are incorrect, invalid and not to be acted upon).” I understand that you want to love me. Your faith tradition has taught you well. But this kind of love statement has a built-in condition, “I love you, but ...,” that implies a limitation. If you love someone in spite of something, your love for them is less, meaning it could be more.

There is a wide-range of ways to think and talk about sexuality issues. And coming from such unique perspectives, we have not been wholly gracious and loving to each other in thought, action or word. Several times over the course of this past semester, I have been confronted with how the conservative Christian voice is silenced or oppressed. This implies, as has been confirmed, that some students, faculty, staff and administrators who hold what we have come to identify as “the conservative” position on this issue feel oppressed by the energy and passion of those who hold what I suppose we call “the liberal” position. (Most of us recognize the failures of this type of dichotomizing: “he is liberal,” “she’s conservative.” But, for lack of a better way to explain this situation, I will use these words. Try to use your imagination to see the reality, a more expansive version.)

Some of the concerns I have heard center around the following: conservatives are being made to look like bigots. The liberals have created such a climate of hostility that if someone wishes to share their faith-based perspective that homosexuality is unholy, ungodly, immoral and/or sinful, they cannot do so without appearing to be judgmental and/or close-minded. I

am very curious to know the roots of this fear. Typically, the most silenced voice is the minority opinion. So this is a unique situation. The majority opinion, affirmed by Hope’s policies and spiritual programming, is rarely being shared. Why? What are the consequences of speaking up? This position has the administration, pastors, a God and the majority of the students behind them. Yet, the conservative voices are still silent. There has to be something more going on here.

As one student said to me, “It’s hard because you need to hold to your beliefs, but when you share your opinion, you will hurt their (the LGBT person’s) feelings.”

The struggle is really about how we love people. One question to consider is how can we love LGBT persons after believing and voicing an opinion that rebukes, and as a by-product, shames them? In this question, I see the cognitive dissonance of tough love. Corporal punishment provokes a similar problem. Does a guardian’s love for a child require that the guardian cause physical or emotional pain to correct the child and steer him or her along the right path? If the conservatives see non-heterosexuality as sinful, and perhaps a roadblock before salvation, their care and concern for the homosexual’s soul will most likely spur them to action. This is what leads Christians to all types of evangelistic work — to save the souls of the lost. Therefore, the conservative position holders must decide if they are willing to speak words of correction or condemnation which will undoubtedly cause tremendous pain, in order to save the sexual deviants.

I want to challenge all position holders: be bold. Speak what you believe. If it is the truth, there is nothing to fear. If you feel timid to share because you will inflict pain, examine this sensation. The contemplative process will most likely lead you to understand more about God, the Bible and how you live out your faith convictions. If you feel you cannot articulate your stance well, use the generous resources on this campus: your chaplains, the library, Western Seminary, your faith tradition, your spiritual experience and prayer. This conversation requires intelligent, caring, conscious people.

God be with us.

*Emily would like to extend a thousand thank you’s to all the people who have extended the grace of Jesus to her and to all the friends who have held her in unlimited love along the way.*

Parentheticalities

Kaili Doud  
Columnist



There are two types of laundry in this world

There are two types of laundry in this world: that done by people and that done by college kids.

The problem is that laundry tends to become the bane of existence around that third week. Life is running smoothly, what with pleasant-smelling sheets and your favorite shirts all lined up, when suddenly you find yourself lacking undergarments and wearing a sweater in seventy-degree weather. Thus is the cycle, no pun intended, of washing clothes — waiting until you’ve got to walk around wrapped in scarves and loose socks to avoid arrest for indecent exposure.

I doubt such a cycle applies to everyone; on the contrary, I would expect that many are quite competent when it comes to laundry. These are what we refer to as “people.” On the other hand, however, are the incompetent launderers.

We the incompetent launderers, you see, often live relatively close to home. Often we have reasons to go there on the weekends or, certainly, over breaks, and thus find it only reasonable to bring our laundry along so as to get it done for free. Frugality, of course: that’s what it is.

Somehow, in many cases, parents of the incompetent launderers seem quite pleased to have something to keep them busy when their kid returns home. Lovely!

A common problem with getting laundry done at home, however, is the fact that it must be folded and put away upon returning to school. Or does it? It’s completely possible to live out of a hamper, even if things get a little wrinkly. Wrinkles are in, right?

How cruel of me to be proposing so many questions. Of course wrinkles are in!

To those who actually do their laundry on a regular basis, we don’t mean to drive you insane. Contrary to belief, we are clean, responsible people just too busy with other things to pay attention to the care of cloth, body-protecting items.

If you are an incompetent launderer, take pride in your work — or lack thereof. It’s OK to keep your clothes in piles that spill out of your closet! It’s great to have 50 unoccupied hangers floating around your room! ILs are, perhaps, some of the most creative and resourceful people on earth — always on the lookout for new, inventive ways to cover your body when you don’t actually have any clean clothes to wear. Be who you were meant to be, and enjoy those rare moments when peace is restored to your wardrobe.

*Kaili is actually rather pleased that the weather has gone from warm to chilly. It gives her an extra week of not doing laundry.*

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# Quote for thought

Kate Schramper  
Columnist



## Rather be busy

I know a lot of smart, organized people who write down all their deadlines, commitments and meetings in nice, neat little planners — pretty patterned ones, stern little black ones, blue and orange Hope ones. But I’m not one of those people. Instead of a planner, I have this absolutely huge calendar in my room, and each month has a different color border, and there are all kinds of random holidays written at the bottom of the big, lovely, empty white squares. It’s quirky, like me ... and I love my calendar. But there is one problem with it, and that is the same problem that I guess the planner-people have. Those empty squares on my calendar and the empty lines in their planners? They never stay empty for long, which means that my days never stay relaxing and lazy, either.

I’m not really complaining. I like having lots to do, and I’d rather be busy than bored. Even though my days are full, bursting with appointments, homework and everything in between, they are good days. Day after day like that, soon they all start to run together in a smooth, comfortable blur. There are a few bad days (and even

some tragedies) thrown into the smear, but for the most part, yesterday, then last week, then last month all smudge together into a haze.

And this is exactly the problem.

These good days, there’s nothing to them. We wake up, go through our routines, take what comes our way passively. We appreciate them, sure, but we don’t get into them. We ought to dig in our heels, pull back and live, really live into each day. People who do this, “at the best, know in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if they fail, at least fail while daring greatly” (Theodore Roosevelt). Take the risk of living, and get the reward of a good life.

The semester, the *year*, is almost over. In just a few short weeks, we’re all going to be scattered across the country, even across the world — some for the summer, some for good. I really, really don’t like thinking about this. Somehow, half of my college career has slipped by already, but I want more than just all these good days. I want a good life.

“There is no shortage of good days. It is good lives that are hard to come by” (Annie Dillard). The more I think about this, the more true it seems to me.

I’m not a great scholar. I don’t know the magic word that will make your life a “good one.” But I would say to start by asking questions, by talking to other people, by wondering. By looking under the surface of your days, good and bad, and pushing aside your routine so that you can see the reality of life with all its brokenness and its beauty. If you find that *real* life, I think you’ve found a good life. So live it.

*Kate wants to thank you for reading this. She hopes that these ideas stick with you, so that as people of Hope, we can lead good lives. (She will also miss ALL of you very much over the summer!)*

# Letters to the Editors

## Parent supports Hope’s homosexuality statement

To the Editors:

As a parent of a current (and possibly another soon-to-be) Hope student, I have been following the controversy surrounding the issue of “gay rights” on campus. While I believe strongly that, as Christians in this world, we are to face these issues, I also believe that, as Christians, we need to remain anchored in the Word and deal with them through the lens of Holy Scripture.

It seems to me that those who would petition the college to alter its policy are seeking acknowledgment approval, and, quite possibly, special protection of certain students based on their sexual orientation. As an institution of higher learning, shouldn’t the focus be on student ability, achievement, performance and educational goals? Gay students have equal opportunities on campus to take classes, do research, participate in extracurricular activities, join established clubs and student organizations, just as any other students may.

I believe Hope’s Institutional Statement on Homosexuality is more than fair and reasonable. Efforts to alter this policy are clearly an attempt to force a specific cultural agenda on the college and student body. Hope is a private, Christian institution and therefore entitled to establish its own policies, regardless of society or the public at large. Those who do not concur with the policies established by Hope College are free to attend another institution more in line with their particular beliefs and standards.

Sincerely,  
Kristi Schramper

## Professor hopes for sculpture’s return

To the Editors:

I always enjoyed seeing it there — and occasionally stopped to admire it. I’m speaking of the sculpture “The Donut.” It seemed perfectly placed in the breezy lobby of Nykerk Hall. Ironically, its value went even deeper. It stood there — small and mobile right by a door — as a testament to the trust that Hope College has in its people and the honesty and goodwill that was then reciprocated.

Just last evening I was in Nykerk watching Vanderprov and reflecting on what a great place Hope is — a packed auditorium, all enjoying each other’s company and home grown entertainment. How neat that the entire campus is available for the Hope community both for academics and for recreation. I don’t want that to change.

So I really hope that “The Donut” is returned. I hope if it was taken by a member of the Hope community, that it was taken as a prank and not as an act of selfishness. Mostly, I hope that the goodwill and honesty of the Hope community can shine brightly and infect each of us that lives within it.

Tim Pennings

Voices of Hope College

Boy: I need to change my socks tomorrow.

Girl: Is that not a normal thing?

Boy: Yeah, but I got my socks especially stinky today.

Roommate: I just realized I had my headphones in for the past hour, and I haven’t been listening to anything.

“The beach is only nine miles away, so you can get there in literally five minutes.”

Girl 1: That’s right, real life starts in like six weeks for you ...what are you doing this summer?

Girl 2: Crying ... all summer long.

Male classmate: I have to keep tanning now, look what it’s doing for my complexion!

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# Men’s lacrosse continues strong season

**Arryn Uhlenbrauck**  
STAFF WRITER

In 2009, Hope’s men’s lacrosse team had a winning season including an invitation to the CCLA conference championships.

“We finished well last season with very little expectations,” captain Dillon Fink (’11) said. “Teams that came to play expected to completely run us over, and we shocked a few teams last year. This year we aren’t shocking any teams. Teams prepare to play us, they expect that when we play them we will be difficult to handle.”

The team has greater expectations this year, hoping to both win their division and qualify for playoffs.

The team is currently 7-4 on the season and has not lost since falling to Western Michigan University on March 31. Part of the Dutchmen’s success this season has come from the six freshmen and other new players on the squad. According to Fink, this year “brought in a strong freshman class that fortified our defense, made us more deep in the goalie position and gave us another scoring threat from the midfield. We had a few other players that played in high school but didn’t play last year to add depth at midfield and increased our speed at the midfield. Also, several newcomers to

the sport brought an eagerness to learn and have made great improvements.”

The change in the team is not due entirely to new members, however. There has also been a shift in attitude among the players on the field.

“The attitude on the field this year is one of confidence,” Fink said. “You can feel it in practice—most people joking around with each other, having a good time, encouraging each other, congratulating each other for good plays and steadily losing tolerance for bad plays. One of our major struggles this year was battling our over-confidence from last season. We had a rough beginning to the season this year, but the good teams we faced showed us that we still have a lot to improve on so we have been working hard.”

Last week, the team traveled to Illinois to face off against DePaul in their seventh away game of the spring. Though some of their away games have been relatively close to home, such as the Western Michigan game and a game against Grand Valley, playing at more distant locations such as DePaul or Indiana University gives the team an opportunity to compare themselves to teams they may not have encountered otherwise.

“What is unique about travelling to other areas to play



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**HOPE MEN’S LACROSSE ON THE DEFENSIVE—** The Flying Dutch are currently 7-4 and looking to qualify for playoffs.

teams is while we can look them up online to see the teams they have played and how they fared, we really have no idea the kind of talent we are going to be up against,” Fink said. “Since most teams are still club, most teams don’t travel too much to play teams in other areas. It is interesting to see how we might stack up against division leaders in other conferences since they might not play many teams from our area.”

Even though lacrosse may still be a club status at many schools, that is not a reflection of its popularity.

“(Lacrosse) is one of the fastest growing sports, and it is mainly because of friends spreading the word,” Fink said.

The Flying Dutchmen will play their last home game of the spring 2010 season tonight at Van Andel Stadium, where they will take on the Knights of Calvin College at 7 p.m.

# Baseball team currently in second place in MIAA

**James Nichols**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Hope’s baseball team hasn’t lost a MIAA series this season.

The Flying Dutchmen are 20-8 on the season with a 12-4 MIAA conference record. Helping their stellar conference record has been the fact that they haven’t dropped a series all season.

“Our goal is to win three out of four games every week,” said coach Stu Fritz. “You are going to be league champions if you can do that. Obviously if you can win all four, that’s the ultimate goal, but it’s pretty tough to beat somebody four times.”

The Dutchmen began this season’s MIAA play by sweeping Olivet in two doubleheaders, first on March 27 and again on March 29. Hope won all four games by a combined score of 46-22, including an impressive 20-6 victory in the second half of the doubleheader on March 27.

They then went on to take three out of four against Calvin in doubleheaders on April 1 and April 5.

The Flying Dutchmen edged out the Knights 10-9 in the first game of the doubleheader on April 1, collecting their fifth straight MIAA win to start the season. They then fell for the

first time, 7-4 in the back half

The other two games of the series against Calvin resulted in Hope victories, 7-1 and 6-2.

Hope kept the momentum going against Alma on April 10, collecting a devastating 28-2 victory against the Scots in the first half of the doubleheader, then came back with a more mild 5-2 win.

The Scots were able to avoid a Flying Dutchmen sweep by winning the final game of the series on April 12, winning 5-4 after a 3-2 Hope victory earlier in the day.

One key to the Flying Dutchmen’s success thus far this season is pitching, Fritz said. With a strikeout-to-walks ratio of 3:1 and a team ERA of 4.80, the Flying Dutchmen’s pitching staff is exceeding coach’s expectations.

“Pitching has been very solid,” Fritz said. “[A strikeout to walks ratio of 3:1] is the kind of numbers you want. We actually had a streak of 22 scoreless innings during our spring break trip this season.”

A brief break from MIAA play on April 13 left the Flying Dutchmen with a split decision against Aquinas.

MIAA play picked up again two days later as the Flying Dutchmen won both ends of a

doubleheader against Trine, 7-4 and 5-4.

The second set of games against Trine resulted in a split. Hope won the first game 25-5 (marking the third time this season they have scored 20 or more runs in a game) but dropped the second 13-12 in eight innings.

This left the Flying Dutchmen with yet again another 3-1 record coming out of a four-game series against a MIAA team and a 12-4 MIAA record, putting them in second place.

“We feel real good about where we are right now,” said Fritz. “I feel very good about the kids in our program.”

When asked about his prediction for the rest of the season, Fritz was once again optimistic.

“To be honest, we have Adrian coming up and basically you want to keep yourself in control of your own destiny,” Fritz said emphatically. “We are still very much in control of our own destiny. The standings are obviously important but are less important than they will be at the end of the year.”

Adrian is alongside Hope atop the MIAA standings this season. Fritz believes his team has the edge however.

“I really like our club this

year,” Fritz said. “We have quality kids from number one to 30. One of the strengths we have is leadership, but the leadership falls on more than just your [senior] captains. It also falls on others seniors and upperclassmen, even underclassmen; you expect leadership from all of them.”

At the same time, Fritz is also familiar with the old saying, “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.”

“We certainly won’t look past anybody or take anybody lightly,” said Fritz. “We haven’t lost a series yet, but we certainly know how unpredictable this game can be. Our focus isn’t on the series, but the next game being the most important.”

The Dutchmen have three more series against MIAA teams this season. First, against Adrian, then Kalamazoo and finally Albion to round out conference play.

“I’m really happy with where we’re at right now,” said Fritz. “I’m most happy with having a good climate in our program. I enjoy spending time with them. I enjoy practice. We want to take this thing as far as we can and we work hard to get better every day. Fortunately we have a beautiful place to do it every day.”

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Softball</b> vs. St. Mary’s at 3:30 p.m. <b>Men’s Tennis</b> vs. Albion at 4 p.m.	<b>April 21</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>Baseball</b> vs. Adrian at 2 p.m.	<b>April 23</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Men’s Tennis</b> vs. Coe at 9 a.m. <b>Women’s Tennis</b> vs. Coe at 9 a.m.	<b>April 24</b>

## IN BRIEF

**MEN’S TENNIS DEFEATS CALVIN**

After the Dutchmen suffered their first MIAA loss to Kalamazoo College 8-1 last week, they won a key match over rival Calvin 6-3.

Hope’s lone victory against Kalamazoo came at number five singles by Alex Hughes (’12). With number two singles player Bobby Cawood (’13) injured since the GLCA Tournament and unable to play singles, everyone else played up one position in the match.

Hope almost lost to Calvin after the doubles with their number two team, but Mike Garland (’10) and Jon Lautz (’11) came back to win the match 9-7. John Gardner (’10), Cawood and Hughes won at number one, two, six singles respectively.

Hope’s two seniors are 4-0 in their final regular season. The Flying Dutchmen are 2-1 in the MIAA and are 11-10 overall.

**MIAA  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Softball:  
Deidra Enochs  
Pitcher

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL  
TO BE RECOGNIZED**

To commemorate the 2009-10 season, the women’s basketball team will be honored at a public recognition. The Flying Dutch will be recognized this Thursday, April 22, at DeVos Fieldhouse.

In March, the Dutch competed at the national championship in Bloomington, Ill., advancing to the title game before losing to Washington University, Mo.

Some of the evening events are a showing of a video showcasing the season’s accomplishments and a distribution of a special commemorative poster. There will be opportunities for autographs from the players and for pictures to be taken with Hope’s mascot, Dutch, and the NCAA trophy. The event will conclude with the raising of a banner commemorating the 2009-10 season

The recognition will begin at 7 p.m. and is open and free to the public.



# Men’s tennis splits week



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOPE PR  
The men’s tennis team fell to Kalamazoo College 1-8 on April 13 but defeated Calvin on April 17, 6-3. They are currently in second place in the MIAA.  
See brief on page 11.

# Women’s tennis on win streak

**Bethany Stripp**  
SPORTS EDITOR

It is no secret in sports that oftentimes the coach is just as important to the team as the players are. Last July, the women’s tennis team lost an integral member. Karen Page, who had been head coach of the team for 12 years, passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Nate Price filled the position and has since helped the team to its current 10-7 record.

“Our new coach, Coach Price, is doing a tremendous job,” said captain Beth Olson (’10). “Obviously it’s extremely hard not having Coach Page around. She is missed dearly, and I notice her absence every practice.”

“Coach has definitely done a great job stepping up as the new coach, though. He has lots of good insight on technique and

strategies.”

Though the team started its season with a win against Carthage on Feb. 19, it was plagued by losses for a five-match stretch that didn’t end



PHOTO BY ANN GREEN  
**SWINGING BACK—** Marissa Kooyers (’10) returns an opponent’s shot during a recent home match.

until halfway through the spring break trip. Since returning, however, the Flying Dutch have lost only one match. Olson credits the team’s recent success to the strength of its early schedule.

“We played teams that were either Division 2 or ranked in

their region,” Olson said. “This was done on purpose. We wanted to start the season with tough matches, so we would be better prepared for the conference matches-- the ones that really mattered.”

This early season preparation has paid off in a big way for the Dutch. With the exception of a loss to Calvin, Hope has defeated all of its conference opponents for a 3-1 conference record. This record has the Dutch currently in third place in the MIAA behind Calvin, who is 6-0, and Albion, whom Hope defeated 5-4 on April 6 and currently owns a 5-1 MIAA record.

This afternoon, Hope will take on St. Mary’s. Olson views this match as one of the most important remaining matches of the regular season.

“We play St. Mary’s at St. Mary’s and that will be our last fairly tough match until the conference tournament,” Olson said.

After the St. Mary’s match, the team will have one more week of regular season play before the conference tournament comes to Hope on April 30 and May 1.

“The conference tournament is home this year, which means we hope to have a lot of support from students and fans,” Olson said.

The conference tournament is especially important for the team in helping them accomplish one of their goals: repeating as conference champions.

“Our main goal this season was and still is winning the conference,” Olson said.

# Hope Track teams finish second in MIAA Jamboree

**James Nichols**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Men’s and women’s track and field coach Kevin Cole has only good things to say about his teams this year.

“The teams are both the best I have seen since I started coaching here five years ago,” Cole said.

Both teams confirmed what their coach had to say, finishing second at the MIAA Jamboree this past weekend.

The Flying Dutchmen just missed out on first place, falling to Calvin by a mere 7.5 points, 952.5-945. The Flying Dutch also finished behind the Knights but had a larger margin of defeat, 974.5-939.5.

Cameron Lampkin (’11) won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes for Hope, coming in with a time of 22.78 seconds in the 200-meter and 11.01 seconds in the 100-meter.

The Flying Dutchmen also finished first in the 400-, 800- and 1,500-meter races. Aaron Treiber (’10) won the 400, Joel Rietsma (’13) won the 800 and Nathan Love (’12) won the 1,500. Elliot Barney (’12) also came in second in the 400.

The Flying Dutch were only able to finish, at best, fourth in those same events.

They did, however, place first and second in the 100 meter hurdles.

Kara Vandegutche (’11) won the event with a time of 15.38 and Sarah Venlet (’13) was right behind her with a time of 16.28.

Both the men’s and women’s 4x100 meter relay finished first at the jamboree. The women’s team of Rachel Walton (’12), Venlet, Emily Kreichelt (’11) and Vandegutche posted a time of 50.78, a mere 0.05 seconds ahead of Calvin’s team.

Already holding the school record, the men’s team of Christian Everett (’13), Josh Ehtinaw (’11), Lampkin and Kyle VanderVeen (’12) finished in 42.32 seconds, 0.23 seconds ahead of Calvin, breaking a MIAA Jamboree record set by Albion in 2009.

“The strength of both of our teams is in our depth,” Coach Cole said. “It is truly a team effort.”

The Flying Dutch and Dutchmen certainly displayed depth at Olivet, as the first place finishes continued to roll in.

The 4x400 relay, another school record holder for the men’s team, finished first with a time of 3:22.21, breaking a MIAA Jamboree record set by Calvin in 2008. The 4x400 consists of Frank Previch (’10), Treiber, Barney and Nicholas Rinck (’12).

As has been the case all season, both teams excelled in the field events at the jamboree.

“I am blessed with good assistant coaches and high caliber athletes in the field events,” Cole said. “We have a lot of upperclassmen and women in those events, and they have worked very hard to keep improving. It is very helpful to have coaches like Matt Svoboda (jumps), Paul Markel (throws) and Jen Vandermeer (pole vault) who can work individually with the athletes to help them improve.”

All three coaches had successful events on Saturday.

Hope finished first, third, fifth and sixth in the high jump on the men’s side. National qualifier John Donkersloot (’11) came in first, followed by Treiber, Dezmon Fulton (’11) and Kyle Dietrich (’11) respectively.

The Flying Dutch took the two top spots in the triple jump. Shaelie Harper (’13) came in first with a distance of 10.91 meters and Kristen Reschke (’12) followed with 10.60 meters.

Heidi Grooters (’10), already holding the school record for hammer throw, finished first with a distance of 39.48 meters, 1.17 meters ahead of second place.

Three Flying Dutchmen swept the long jump, taking first, second and third. Ehtinaw won with a distance of 6.53 meters while Jeff Minkus (’10) came in second and Treiber came in third.

Minkus, already a national qualifier in the triple jump, earned a provisional national qualifying distance of 14.27 meters in the triple jump at the jamboree, breaking his record of 13.83 meters from last year, and winning the event by 0.6 meters.

Both teams have two more events, one this coming weekend at Hillsdale College and the other the weekend after at Northwood University in Grand Rapids. The big event remaining for both teams is the MIAA Field Day on May 6 and 7.

Along with the MIAA Jamboree, the field day determines which teams place where in the MIAA. Each event counts for half of the standings. Both Hope teams are sitting comfortably in second place after the jamboree but have work to do if they want to win the conference.

“The field day is scored differently than the jamboree,” Cole said. “It rewards individual performance a little more than team depth, so it makes it a little harder for us to win. However, we still have a very good chance on both sides.”

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